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Applicant: Lloyd Avis McCrary)
Serial No.: 10/825,087) Group Art Unit: 2811
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For: PARTICULATE MATERIAL) Examiner: NYA
CONTAINING THERMOPLASTIC)
ELASTOMER AND METHODS FOR)
MAKING AND USING SAME)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

VIA FACSIMILE TO: (703) 872-9306
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir,

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the preliminary amendment prior to substantive examination of the aforementioned application.

IN THE TITLE

Please replace the title with the following:

**PARTICULATE MATERIAL CONTAINING THERMOPLASTICS AND METHODS
FOR MAKING AND USING THE SAME**